

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Barry Stein on April 30, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. In line 13 of claim 9, - - in - - has been inserted after "energy".
2. In line 5 of claim 14, - - with respect to said seat - - has been inserted after "direction", and the second occurrence of "a" has been changed to - - the - -.
3. In line 6 of claim 14, "a" has been changed to - - the - -.

Claims 8-10 and 12-16 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 8, the prior art of record fails to show a safety seat including support legs extending forwardly of the seat for engaging a body of the vehicle below the base portion and for supporting and providing additional rigidity to the seat body, the

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support legs being connected to the base portion for vertical and horizontal movement with respect to the base portion, the leg assemblies having a thigh portion to engage the seat body and a lower portion connected to the thigh portion to engage the body of the vehicle and characterized in that the thigh portion has located therein a reinforcing bar to provide energy absorbing means adapted to absorb energy in an accident involving the vehicle, in combination with other specifically claimed features.

Regarding claim 9, the prior art of record fails to show a safety seat including support legs for engaging a body of the vehicle below the base portion and for supporting and providing additional rigidity to the seat body, the support legs being connected to the base portion for vertical and horizontal movement with respect to the base portion, the support legs comprising an upper generally horizontal portion and a vertical portion, wherein the horizontal portion is adapted to bend upwardly away from the seat and comprises inner reinforcement means adapted to absorb energy in an accident involving the vehicle, in combination with other specifically claimed features.

Regarding claim 14, the prior art of record fails to show a safety seat including elongate sockets in the seat body extending in a forward direction with respect to the seat when the seat is located in the vehicle, the sockets being positioned, dimensioned and arranged to accommodate a thigh portion of the support legs, in combination with other specifically claimed features.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. MacLiver (5997085) shows a safety seat with floor engaging leg members. WO 03/055717 shows a safety seat with floor engaging leg members. Both documents have the same inventor as the present application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Milton Nelson, Jr. whose telephone number is (571) 272-6861. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs, and alternate Fridays, 5:30-3:00 EST.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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